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To The Commissioner:

In reference to the Office Communication dated March 31, 2009 ("the Communication") in the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following response for consideration by the Examiner. The Communication did not set a time period for reply. On April 7, 2009, Applicants' attorney telephoned Examiner Uselding and the Examiner stated that the period for reply expires one month from the mailing date of the Communication: *i.e.*, on April 31, 2009. Furthermore, this reply is filed prior to the expiration of a six month period from the mailing of the prior October 15, 2008 Non-Final Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this reply is being filed in a timely manner, and no fees are believed due. However, if necessary, please charge all fees, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

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